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Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 7:53 AM
To: [redacted] (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (OTD)(FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC)(FBI); [redacted] (IR) (FBI); [redacted] (IR) (FBI)
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[REDACTED] (RMD)(FBI)

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From: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:46 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC)(FBI)
Subject: Sentinel Document Re: (U) Report of Florida Legislative Activity 2013. --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED]

This document was sent to me in Sentinel. In case I haven't succeeded in sending it to you so that you can read it, it discusses a new law in Florida limiting UAS use by state/locals. Obviously, it doesn't apply to us, but it could have an impact on any JTFs. I assume that laws like this in other states may well be on the horizon, so I guess we'll just have to monitor it.

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The following document has been forwarded to you:

Title: (U) Report of Florida Legislative Activity 2013.

Synopsis: (U) [REDACTED] Florida statutes enacted during the 2013 legislative session and noted four items that may be of interest to the FBI.

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Link to Document: [REDACTED]

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Guardian, an EC, or other appropriate form requesting ASAC approval.

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4) (U//FOUO) [REDACTED]

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The following procedures must be followed:

A) (U//FOUO) [REDACTED]

B) (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] b7E

C) (U//FOUO) [REDACTED]

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(U//FOUO) COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

(U//FOUO) Authorization documents regarding the use of [REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] must be documented in the appropriate investigative ELSUR sub-file.

Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)



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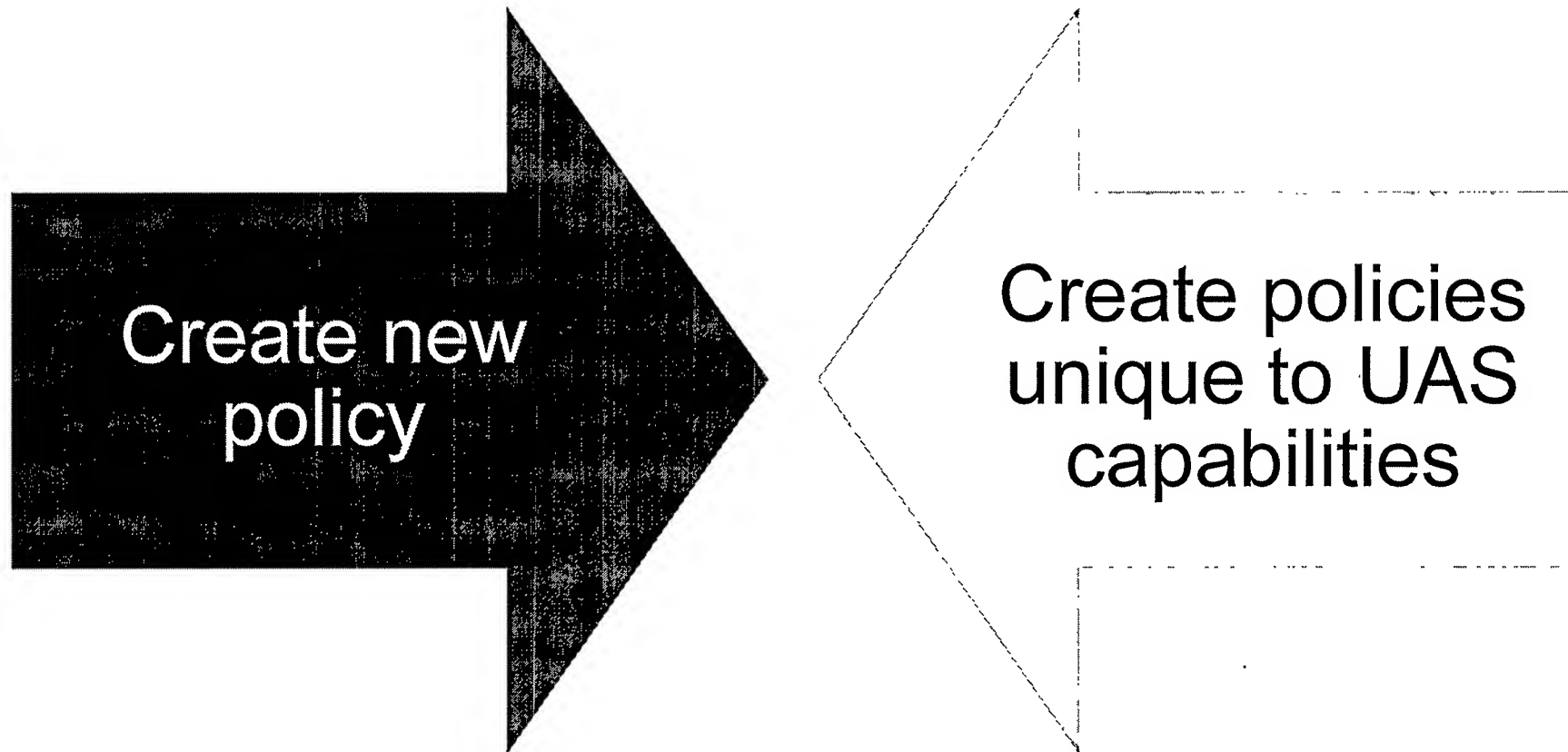
Policy Framework

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	PUBLIC	CIVIL
Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial
Safety/Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Law Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Aviation
Vetting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Response • Scientific/Research/ Property management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational/Hobby
Air Defense		

Policy Objective



Overarching Principles

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**ACCOUNTABILITY
(RESPONSIBLE USE)**

Overarching Principles

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Consistent and transparent U.S. Government position:

- Data: Collection, use, retention, sharing
- Consistent policy for all public operations – Federal/State and Local
- Consistent messaging to public

ACCOUNTABILITY (RESPONSIBLE USE)

Ensure UAS operations are safe, secure, and have established standards for operation:

- Ensure Accountability
- Establish appropriate vetting standards
- Establish standards for cyber and communications security (safety of flight)

TRANSPARENCY AND RESPONSIBLE USE

Public - Law Enforcement

Privacy	Safety/Security	Vetting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent surveillance • FOIA • 4th amendment alignment (Notice of surveillance) • Protection of data and info sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safety of flight and protect the UAS from attempts to disrupt flight operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum allocation • Wayward UAS protections • Position/location identifiers • Determine appropriate scoping <div data-bbox="655 894 1336 1276"></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manned Aircraft process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Operators responsible for vetting/training • Consensus to align UAS vetting requirements for Public Operators with Manned aircraft requirements?

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TRANSPARENCY AND RESPONSIBLE USE

Public – Response (Emergency)

Privacy	Safety/Security	Vetting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent surveillance? • Info sharing • 4th amendment alignment (Notice of surveillance)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safety of flight and protect the UAS from attempts to disrupt flight operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum allocation • Wayward UAS protections • Position/location identifiers • Determine appropriate scoping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manned Aircraft process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Operators responsible for vetting/training • Consensus to align UAS vetting requirements for Public Operators with Manned aircraft requirements?

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Public - Non-Emergency

Privacy	Safety/Security	Vetting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent surveillance? • Info sharing • 4th amendment alignment (Notice of surveillance)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop appropriate cyber and communications security polices to ensure safety of flight and protect the UAS from attempts to disrupt flight operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum allocation • Wayward UAS protections • Position/location identifiers • Determine appropriate scoping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manned Aircraft process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Operators responsible for vetting/training • Consensus to align UAS vetting requirements for Public Operators with Manned aircraft requirements?

Civil Operations

TRANSPARENCY AND RESPONSIBLE USE		
Commercial	General Aviation	Recreational
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ConocoPhilips operations in Arctic• Permitted on case-by case basis by FAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guided by Small UAS Rule (once implemented)• When operated outside of Hobbyist guidelines, and not commercially.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hobbyist organizations• FAA Guidelines for operations• Mandated by Congress not to impose Federal regulations on recreational use UAS

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Civil - Commercial Use

Privacy	Safety/Security	Vetting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use • Disclosure • Security of data • Retention • Licensing, registration, auditing requirements • Determine framework and scope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safety of flight and protect the UAS from attempts to disrupt flight operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum allocation • Wayward UAS protections • Position/location identifiers • Determine appropriate scoping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manned aircraft process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where FAA certificate is required, vetting is completed (students, trainers, pilots) • Determine appropriate scoping and impact to agencies and public

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Civil - General Aviation

Privacy	Safety/Security	Vetting
<p>Who has authority over what GA collects? How might UAS regs differ from manned aircraft?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing, registration, auditing requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safety of flight and protect the UAS from attempts to disrupt flight operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum allocation • Wayward UAS protections • Position/location identifiers • Determine appropriate scoping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manned aircraft process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where FAA certificate is required, vetting is completed (students, trainers, pilots) • Determine appropriate scoping

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Recreational/ Hobbyist Use

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Defensive Use

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Protect National Airspace System

Privacy	Safety/Security	Vetting
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoping to determine when and how UAS in NAS a viable threat.• Differentiating between known users and unknown threat	N/A